

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0020] as follows:

[0020] Catheter 110 may be, for example, a hollow guidewire and may include an inflatable balloon (not shown) operably attached to a distal portion of the catheter. Where catheter 110 is to be used as a guidewire during a procedure such as a conventional percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) involving femoral artery access, catheter 110 may be ~~about~~ up to about 300 centimeters long, with a length of about 180 centimeters often being used. The outer diameter of the catheter may range from about 0.010 inches to 0.038 inches, and preferably is 0.014 inches or smaller when the catheter is to be used as a guidewire. Catheter 110 may be made of an appropriate biocompatible material such as nitinol.